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CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

Date: November 9, 2010

Agenda Item:

Subject: State Citizen's Option for Pubic Safety (COPS) Grant

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Police Chief

Approved: _____
Stephen L. Wright
City Manager

Recommendation:

Conduct a public hearing and approve the recommendation of the Police Chief regarding how the City should use FY 2010/2011 State COPS Grant Funds.

Discussion:

For several years, the State has continued to provide supplemental funding to cities and counties to enhance their ability to deliver effective law enforcement services in their respective communities. Currently, the State is providing a minimum of \$100,000 to every city and county, regardless of the service population being served.

To receive these funds, cities and counties must follow specific requirements set forth by the State, which include:

1. The Police Chief must submit an annual written request to the City Council stating how these funds should be expended to support front-line law enforcement needs;
2. The City must conduct a Public Hearing to consider the Chief's requested use of these funds; and
3. The majority of Council must then act on the request and appropriate the funds for use by the Police Department.

Historically, these funds were initially used to increase the number of officers and staff assigned to the Police Department; and during subsequent years these

funds have been used to supplement the salary for two Police Officer positions. No change is being proposed for this fiscal year.

Alternatives:

The Council could provide direction to staff to use these funds for other supplemental law enforcement services.

Fiscal Impact:

As staff anticipated receiving these funds earlier this fiscal year, there would be no impact to the current budget; provided Council approves this request.

Attachment